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Maine Drilling & Blasting and Pennsylvania Rock Merge Operations to Better Service the Local Market

Gardiner, ME (May 21, 2010) – Maine Drilling & Blasting, one of the best known drilling and blasting companies in the country, announces its acquisition of Pennsylvania Rock Company. In pursuit of common goals and industry challenges, Pennsylvania Rock and Maine Drilling & Blasting felt their shared initiatives were best served by building one outstanding team.

Maine Drilling & Blasting and Pennsylvania Rock are each diversified family businesses driven by a commitment to their customers and a standard to provide the highest quality workmanship and service. By joining operations, the intent is to focus on the strengths of each company as well as the new synergistic value generated in order to provide the best possible service and value to local clients.

“As one company, Pennsylvania Rock and Maine Drilling & Blasting will economically provide the Mid-Atlantic region with the best people and service found in the industry,” says President, Bill Purington. “This merger will strengthen our teams creating an even stronger potential for business success going forward.”

The joint operation will provide the best drilling and blasting safety, technical services, engineering, training, public relations, equipment program, distribution network, and customer service. The merger will provide Maine Drilling & Blasting with a new divisional office in Myerstown, PA, further demonstrating the commitment to being a local presence. Through this consolidation of resources, each company will continue to exhibit their leadership roles in the industry by providing the highest quality workmanship and customer service by being a local presence.

Pennsylvania Rock principals, Rick and Travis Martzall, will remain key regional leaders under the Maine Drilling & Blasting mantle. “My father and I, along with our employees, are very excited to join the MD&B team. It’s a great fit with PA Rock’s aspirations, our commitment to local service, and mutual growth,” comments Travis Martzall, PA Rock’s Vice President.

Maine Drilling & Blasting, recognized as a leader in the industry and a long-term contributor to the local community, offers drilling and blasting services to the construction and quarry markets, along with a variety of specialty services throughout the Northeastern United States, including rock bolting, hoe ramming, engineering, public relations, preblast surveys and packaged and bulk explosive distribution. In addition to the corporate office in Gardiner, Maine, Maine Drilling & Blasting has offices in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

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